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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE
LITIGATION
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DIEGO LITUMA,

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Plaintiff,

-against-

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111 WALL STREET LLC, 230 CENTRAL CO., LLC, ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY, BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC CATASTOPHE, INC. D/B/A BMS CAT, BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, LP, BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES CORPORATION, BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES HOLDINGS INC., CDL NEW YORK LLC, CITIBANK, NA, CITIGROUP, INC., CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD 111 WALL, INC., CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD, INC., ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR, INC., GPS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC., HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC., INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES CO., MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC., NOMURA HOLDING AMERICA, INC., NOMURA SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL, INC., STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF ZSF/OFFICE NY TRUST, STRUCTURE TONE (UK), INC., STRUCTURE TONE GLOBAL SERVICES, INC., THE BANK OF NEW YORK, TOSCORP INC., TUCKER ANTHONY, VERIZON NEW YORK, INC., WARWICK & CO., CO., WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., WFP TOWER A CO., WFP TOWER A CO. G.P. CORP., WFP TOWER A. CO., L.P., WFP TOWER B CO. G.P. CORP., WFP TOWER B HOLDING CO., LP, AND WFP TOWER B. CO., L.P., ET AL.,

Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION as and for its responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

Dated: New York, New York December 7, 2007

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